

February 26, 2015

Dear legislators,

I am writing this letter in regard to the Madonna Place fatherhood initiative program. I am an electrical engineer and have a wonderful daughter with mental health issues. Finding such a program to help me deal with such difficult issues has been challenging and when I heard about this program I thought it would be helpful. I have been participating in this program to help me in being a better father and husband. The program provides a comprehensive learning program for improving the skills needed to be a good father. Through the program I have learned how to deal with conflict and handle disagreements with my wife on how to raise our child. It has provided an excellent set of documents and resources to use to have a healthier relationship with my wife and child.

By using the skills taught in this program, it has helped to reduce the arguments and made a more peaceful home life for my family. My child is happier and wife is happier since I have put into practice the skills learned in this program. An additional benefit is you get to talk to other fathers who are experiencing similar issues or who have gone through some of the things I now am experiencing. It allows one to learn from other fathers and to get their experiences on how to handle issues that you are having.

The fatherhood initiative program has provided me with practical information and skills to improve being a parent. I have used many of these skills and my family is healthier now. This translates to providing a more stable home for my child to grow up in and thus gives her a much better chance at a successful life. Being able to parent as a team and resolve issues in a better way helps everyone involved in raising a child.

This program is very important to our society since it provides the foundation for understanding each other and being better fathers to your child. By getting fathers involved early in such programs really benefits the society in which we live.

Please continue to fund this project in the budget as it has proved invaluable to me and my family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Denyer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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